

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINING BOARD[193D]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 544B.10 and 546.10(8), the Landscape Architectural Examining Board hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 2, “Examinations and Licensing,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment to rule 193D—2.6(544B,17A), which pertains to exemptions from the written examination, will add a third alternative to provide licensure for landscape architects who were licensed in another jurisdiction prior to the requirement of passing a state or national examination, which is referred to as “grandparenting,” if they meet the requirements listed in new subrule 2.6(3).

Consideration will be given to all written suggestions or comments received on or before April 19, 2016. Comments should be directed to Jill Simbro, Iowa Landscape Architectural Examining Board, 200 E. Grand Avenue, Suite 350, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. E-mail may be sent to jill.simbro@iowa.gov.

A public hearing will be held on April 19, 2016, at 12 noon in the Board Office, 200 E. Grand Avenue, Suite 350, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views on the proposed amendment either orally or in writing. At the hearing, any person who wishes to speak will be asked to give the person’s name and address for the record and to confine remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those relating to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

This proposed amendment is subject to waiver or variance pursuant to 193—Chapter 5.

This proposed amendment was approved by the Board on February 11, 2016.

After analysis and review of this rule making, the Professional Licensing and Regulation Bureau determined that there will be no impact on jobs and no fiscal impact to the state. While the Bureau does not anticipate an impact, if there is one, the impact would lean in favor of increased employment because the amendment provides a licensure avenue that is not currently provided.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 544B.10.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 193D—2.6(544B,17A) as follows:

193D—2.6(544B,17A) Exemption from written examination. The board may exempt from written examination an applicant who meets one of the following criteria:

- 1- **2.6(1)** The applicant holds a current CLARB certificate; ~~or~~
- 2- **2.6(2)** The applicant holds a license to practice landscape architecture issued upon written examination by another jurisdiction, and has submitted a certificate from the jurisdiction of original licensure verifying that the applicant passed the examination in that jurisdiction; or

2.6(3) The applicant:

a. Holds an active license to practice landscape architecture issued by another jurisdiction whose current licensure requirements, including the examination requirements, are substantially equivalent to or exceed those required for licensure as a landscape architect in Iowa, and during the time period in which the applicant was issued an initial license in the other jurisdiction, that jurisdiction did not require a written examination for initial applicants, but did require board review and approval of education and experience designed to demonstrate competence to practice;

b. Was grandparented in under the laws of the other jurisdiction, before written examinations for initial licensure were mandated by the other jurisdiction; and

c. Submits a certificate from the jurisdiction of original licensure verifying that the applicant was licensed during the period in which there was no written examination and submits proof of license in good standing.